

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

STRUTHERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CENTENNIAL

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Struthers Presbyterian Church for celebrating its 100th anniversary this past Sunday, November 13, 2011.

In 1804, the Struthers Presbyterian Church was formed in the log cabin home of Richard McConnell. In 1910, construction of the current Struthers Presbyterian Church began in order to accommodate a growing congregation.

Harold Milligan Sr. became a member of the church in 1922 and has watched the church grow over his lifetime. One of his fondest memories of the church was during World War II when the church held "Bonds for Building" dinners to support the war effort. The church continues to help the community grow and prosper. It has acted as a meeting place for many local organizations including Alcoholics Anonymous, Boy and Girl Scout Troops, and the Rotary Club. The congregation puts together welcome baskets for new city residents, they give hand-made fleece blankets to the Akron Children's Hospital, they coordinate food banks for those in need, and they organize clothing drives during the holidays.

I wish the church 100 more bountiful years of service to our community and thank the congregation for their generosity and commitment to the residents of Struthers.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE OF FORMER MAYOR EMORY FOLMAR

HON. MARTHA ROBY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ROBY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of a former Montgomery, Alabama Mayor, Emory Folmar, for his selfless dedication and commitment to our Alabama community. An elected official, decorated war veteran, successful business owner, and loving husband and father, Mayor Folmar lived a long and fruitful life filled with many accomplishments. Not only did I have the privilege to know him as the Mayor of my hometown, but also personally as an elder within Trinity Presbyterian Church, and as a close friend of my family.

Mayor Folmar was born in Troy, AL, and moved to Montgomery when he was fourteen years old. While earning a degree in business at the University of Alabama, Mayor Folmar also served as Cadet Colonel of the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC). Through ROTC, he received a Regular Army commission and went to Ft. Benning, GA, for parachute training and instructors' schools.

Shortly after, he married Anita Pierce in 1952, his surviving wife of over 50 years.

That summer, Mayor Folmar deployed to Korea, where he later received the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, and the Purple Heart for his heroic service. Additionally, at the rank of Lieutenant, he received the French Croix de Guerre, an award bestowed to individuals who distinguish themselves by acts of heroism involving combat with enemy forces.

After Korea, Mayor Folmar was assigned to Ft. Campbell, KY, as an Airborne Jump Master until 1954. He then returned to Montgomery, joining his brother in construction and sales for a government-issue loan funded housing in the Cloverland neighborhood. The Folmar brothers' business eventually grew to include large commercial shopping center construction throughout the Southeast.

In 1975, Mayor Folmar entered the political arena by running for city council in 1975, where he was elected President of the Montgomery City Council and eventually became Mayor from 1977 until 1999. Among his many other political accomplishments, he ran for governor in 1982; served as campaign chairman for Ronald Reagan's finance committee in 1980; state chairman for Reagan in 1984; and chairman for Bush-Quayle in 1988 and 1992. After retiring from politics, he worked as a business consultant and was appointed Commissioner to the Alabama Beverage Control Board by Governor Bob Riley in 2003.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise today to join me in remembrance of Mayor Emory Folmar. I personally am blessed and honored to call Mayor Folmar a role model and dear friend. The citizens of Montgomery will forever remember the Mayor for many years to come and the influential legacy he left behind.

IN HONOR OF THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY MARCHING BAND DIRECTOR DR. JON WOODS UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I along with Congressman STEVE STIVERS rise today to honor and recognize the Ohio State University Marching Band director Dr. Jon Woods upon his retirement.

As a former member of the marching band, I had the extraordinary opportunity of learning from and getting to know Dr. Woods. To this day, I am honored and blessed to call Jon a good friend. Issuing remarks about a man that has meant so much to me and every Buckeye around the world gives me great pleasure.

The Ohio State Marching Band remains one of the most well-recognized college bands in the country. Its artistry, accuracy and sound has earned the band the informal title of "The Best Damn Band in the Land." Observing the

band in action fills Buckeye fans with immense pride and captivates an audience in a way unlike any other live event. Most Ohio State supporters credit much of the band's success and acclaim today to the efforts of Dr. Woods. Since his arrival, Jon has upheld the band's traditions, while also employing new and innovative techniques that have helped the band sustain so many years of unrivaled superiority.

After several decades, the Ohio State Marching Band and the entire university has benefitted from the supreme expertise and visionary leadership of Dr. Woods. He has become a cornerstone of Ohio State, and, through his legendary work, has etched his name into the school's storied history. I along with Congressman STIVERS and the entirety of the Ohio State community will greatly miss his presence. His passion for our beloved school and his years of commitment to the band have left him with an enduring legacy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 842, I was unable to make the vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING MAYOR ROBERT HISON

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend and colleague in public service, Mayor Robert Hison of Saint Clair Shores, Michigan, as he retires after 27 years of devoted and talented service on the City Council. I have deeply enjoyed working with Mr. Hison on a number of significant issues to help serve our mutual constituents.

Mr. Hison had a lengthy and successful career at Detroit Diesel Corp, retiring in 2004 after 38 years of service. He was appointed to Saint Clair Shores City Council in 1984, was reelected several times and ran for mayor in 2004, and has served the last 7 years in that capacity.

Although the position of mayor is part-time in St. Clair Shores, Mr. Hison believed it was a full-time responsibility. He devoted himself to the work and was visible everywhere throughout the city. He made it his goal to improve the city's financial future and under Mr. Hison's leadership, the City of Saint Clair Shores has continued on a path of sound financial footing despite immense economic challenges.

The City of St. Clair Shores is fortunate to be located next to Lake St. Clair, one of the most biologically diverse ecosystems in North

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